

TCT Meeting Notes

Conference Call
February 25, 2015

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The meeting began at 9:05 am.

Community Involvement Update

Community Advisory Group (CAG) Meeting: March 11th CAG meeting topic will be on capping. Dan Hafley, DEQ Willamette Cove site manager plans to introduce himself at the next CAG meeting; no more than 5 minutes.

Environmental Justice Task Force: The Task Force will meet on February 27, 2015 in Portland to discuss natural resource issues in Oregon. Portland Harbor is on the agenda for a 15-minute update – Tony Barber will provide the update. Very high level update on status of Portland Harbor work. Contact Ben Dunkins if you want to be placed on their agenda for updates.

Portland Community Summit “GET IT TOGETHER”: This summit will be held on February 28, 2015 from 8 am to 5 pm. EPA and DEQ will be sharing a booth.

A request was made to provide a recap of the last CAG meeting. EPA responded with the following brief overview:

- Large number of attendees. The Willamette Cove topic likely brought out a large number of folks that are not normally at the meetings.
- It was noted that additional discussions with DEQ on green aspects of the remediation work at Willamette Cove and future sites are needed to make sure everyone is on the same page with respect to green remediation aspects.
- The monitored natural recovery (MNR) presentation had a captive and engaged audience. The follow-up presentation by Scott Manzano (DEQ) that presented a local example of MNR with the Zidell property was very helpful for CAG members.

- Kristine would like to see a similar, local, real-world example to supplement EPA's general presentation on capping next month highlighting the McCormick and Baxter cap. Tom Gainer: DEQ is checking with Scott Manzano to provide this presentation.
- CAG request for DEQ's presentation slides will be coordinated through Matt McClincy (DEQ).

Early Actions Update

Arkema:

EPA is waiting for a response from LSS on EPA's comment letter on the Arkema investigation work plan.

GASCO:

EPA continues to support DEQ on upland source control efforts. A rather tough conversation occurred this week over the Fill zone trench. NW Natural is progress on the groundwater extraction trench installation is not meeting DEQ expectations in terms of timing with completion and full operation of the HC&C system. This is due to NW Natural's concerns over uncertainty on riverbank remedy. EPA supports DEQ in moving forward with the trench installation regardless on the timing of in-water remedy decisions.

River Mile 11 East:

Recontamination evaluation efforts on hold while other FS elements are finalized.

Remedial Investigation (RI) Report Update

Section 10:

EPA finished negotiations and this section is now considered complete.

Executive Summary:

EPA sent a revised draft to the Lower Willamette Group (LWG). LWG submitted comments on the final day of the 30 day comment period and elevated the issues to upper management. This was a similar tactic for Section 10 that resulted in a 5 month schedule delay. A letter will be prepared and submitted next week to LWG that presents EPA's plan for moving forward. The plan is to move forward with finalizing the Executive Summary and not spend additional time responding to/revising the section again.

Section 7 Dispute:

No dispute decision has been released yet.

In general, EPA will be directing LWG to incorporate all revisions made over the past 3 years and finalize the RI document.

A TCT member asked: At what point will the Section 7 dispute begin impacting progress? EPA response: The impact begins now. Section 2 has been delivered, but may change due to the outcome of the dispute.

Feasibility Study (FS) Report Update

Section 1:

Additional comments were recently received from LWG. These additional comments were outside the review cycle process. EPA's position is that this section is complete and no further modifications will be made.

Section 2:

EPA submitted the revised Section 2 to TCT and LWG on Monday, February 23, 2015.

FS Section 3:

Work continues on technical aspects, specifically the Remedial Action Levels (RALs) for Dioxin/Furan (D/F) congeners. This is planned to be completed this week. An additional technical meeting with LWG will occur next Tuesday to go over D/F cores and see if depth of impact maps can be produced as a result of the limited data.

The following clarification question was asked about LWG comments on section 1: Does EPA's decision to not address further LWG comments received after the review cycle process apply to TCT members, or do TCT members have additional time to comment after a section is complete. It was pointed out that additional comments may come out of reviewing the document after it has been combined with the other sections and reviewed in its entirety. EPA: No further comments, including TCT members will be addressed once the section is completed. The Partners are welcome to provide additional comments, but EPA will not make changes until after remedy review.

DEQ Upland Source Control Update

Proposed Source Control Decisions: DEQ looking to receive feedback on two proposed source control decisions: 1) Oregon Beverage Site, and 2) Rhone Poulenc historical drainage ditch. There is a 30-day comment period and comments should be submitted by March 9, 2015.

Meetings

- March 3, 2015: LWG meeting RE: D/F congener mapping
- March 10, 2015: Portland Harbor Project Managers Meeting
- March 11, 2015: TCT Meeting – Oregon Operations office
- March 11, 2015: CAG Meeting

TCT member asks: What are topics for the next TCT meeting in March? EPA response: Official topics have not been determined yet, but discussion may focus on the D/F RALs and how they were developed. EPA asks: Would TCT members like to see a recap on the process for developing the alternatives? TCT response: Sure, why not.

EPA asked if DEQ had any other topics they would like to see. DEQ thought it would be good to see what is included and not included in Section 3.

EPA pointed out the need to emphasize discussion of the riverbanks; specifically where it gets introduced in Section 3 and its importance as it comes into the alternatives screening step.

TCT member questioned the scheduled delivery of Section 3 as the current schedule shows delivery on March 3rd. EPA response: That is going to be revised due to continuing technical work on the elements for completing Section 3. EPA will update TCT members on the revised schedule at the next meeting.

09:53 am – Meeting adjourns.